

1	2	3	4
		Datacom	
		Idea	
		Unitech	
		Loop	
		S.Tel	
		TOTAL	18.6

New schemes introduced by MTNL/BSNL to counter competition

529. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new scheme has been introduced by MTNL/BSNL to counter the extremely strong competition being posed by various telecom operators in the private sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) and (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has recently launched very attractive mobile promotional plan "PYARI JODI" to counter the strong competition being posed by various telecom operators in the private sector. Under this scheme, there is unlimited free call facility to one BSNL landline or Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) number from mobile and Subscriber Identity Module (SIM)/Activation is free through BSNL Customer Service Centre. Likewise various tariff plan/schemes launched by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are as under:

(i) 3G tariff plans for Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) service.

(ii) Pay per second plans for GSM service.

(iii) International Long Distance tariff reduced.

(iv) Waived off of 3G activation charges to all existing 2G customers and provided 3G to all customers.

(v) Dolphin/Trump (GSM postpaid/prepaid) bundling with 3G MTNL Data Card.

(vi) Prepaid high speed Internet "Power Connect" Trump (GSM Prepaid) one for all.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Radiation Certificate for cell phone towers

530. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 1.5 lakh cell towers were yet to get radiation certificate;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against erring service providers; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken by the telecom private service providers to get the radiation certificate inspite of several deadlines given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) At present there are around 1 lakh cell towers for which the certificates are yet to be received from service providers.

(b) Service Area-wise summary of total cell towers and certificates received thereof is given in Statement (*See* below). It is proposed to impose penalty on the erring service providers.

(c) The service providers have submitted radiation certificates for 4,66,045 cell towers out of 5,74,025 so far.

Statement

Service Area-wise summary of Total cell towers and self certificates submitted so far

Sl. No.	Name of LSA	Total cell towers as on date	Number of self certificate submitted so far
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	61544	51008
2.	Bihar	35515	24778
3.	Chennai	14326	14326
4.	Delhi	16425	6763
5	Gujarat	32371	28116